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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
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5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the stonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

NOTICE

We failed to include in our last *Evangel* report the following:

117 pairs of new overalls from the State of Kansas. These were individually wrapped, with each boy's name on them, and placed under our Christmas tree.—Wm. F. Dych, Superintendent, Church of God Orphanage, Sevierville, Tenn.

COVER PICTURE

The Church of God at Newry, S. C., Marches On

Brother Watt and his faithful wife came to Newry in 1932 and conducted a successful revival. The district overseer, J. C. Childers, was called, and a church was set in order with six members. Brother Watt conducted every other week-end service in the home of Brother Will York.

Following Brother Watt was Revs. A. P. Harris, Elish Holden, Roy Patterson, W. L. Edgar, Monroe Donald. Rev. Sam Leroy was the next pastor. He and Brother Mauldin obtained a lot from the mill officials, one and one-half miles from the village, on a hill on a narrow road. Brother Leroy started to work carrying second-hand lumber on his shoulder from a saw-mill to build the church. He prayed and worked until the small building shown in the picture was completed.

Rev. Milford Chandler succeeded Brother Leroy, and he and his wife worked faithfully in completing the work on the building. The following pastors served the church over a period of years: Bud Johnson, Harley Kelley, Milford Chandler. J. E. Faile, G. W. Gause, Olivia Hunnicutt. The church was still on the hill on the narrow, muddy road. Sister Hunnicutt and the few faithful members prayed and fasted, then went to the mill officials to see if a more desirable place couldn't be secured to build a new church. The company gave a lot near the village, and a nice 30 by 40 foot new church building was erected. Brother John Mauldin served next as pastor and completed the building.

In 1946, Brother Ferris Moore became pastor of the eight members. Soon the Sunday School reached an average of 120 a month, and the small building was overflowing. Brother Moore saw the need of more room. By prayer, fasting, and sacrificing, the amount of \$800 was raised to start on a new addition to the church building. After much hard work and prayer, Brother Moore visited the mill

company, and several thousand dollars was donated by the company to finish the beautiful church building. The church is equipped with electric chimes, beautiful new pews and pulpit, and stained windows. The Y. P. E. purchased a new piano, and a new heating system has just recently been installed. The building has seven Sunday School rooms, which are crowded with an attendance of 288. The L. W. W. B. president, Sister Morehead was president at the dedicatory service, and our L. W. W. B. present Sister Moore with a new blouse completely covered with dollar bills. She is a great help to Brother Moore and the church as pianist and Sunday School teacher.

The church was dedicated to the Lord the last of 1949, with a wonderful message by our state overseer, Rev. H. R. Morehead. It was indeed a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving.—Reported by Mrs. Leola Snider.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My healing of nervousness, low blood, and stomach trouble; my sister; my husband.—Annie Garlin, Adairsville, Ga.

Two unspoken requests.—Ruby Lewis, Iva, S. C.

Healing of my body; an urgent request.—A sister in Christ, Danville, Va.

My husband who is in the hospital with ulcerated stomach, that God will save his soul; unspoken request.—Mrs. Vergie Laws, Bryson City, N. C.

A little boy thirteen years old who has leukemia.—Mrs. Helen Burgin, W. Somersett, Ky.

My daughter to be saved and healed; me.—Mrs. A. L. Duboise, Jackson, Miss.

My husband to come to God; me.—Mrs. Frank Reich, Detroit, Mich.

The healing of my body; my two sons to be healed.—Ola Wilson, Waynesburg, Pa.

The complete healing of my body.—Cecil Wilson, Waynesburg, Pa.

My healing.—Effie Vise, Heflin, Ala.

A. J. Osement who has cancer of the lung. My wife, as she is in a serious condition.—R. M. Osteen, Mayo, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. George Fordham, Heflin, Ala.

My husband and two children to be saved; the healing of my body.—Mrs. LaVoda Wood, Rome, Ga.

Me to be saved and healed of tuberculosis and arthritis.—Archie G. Owens, State Park, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Monroe Newell, Tusculumbia, Ala.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Minnie Parlett, Great Cacapon, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—A sister, Modesto, Calif.

The healing of my head and body; the healing of my husband's heart.—Mrs. Grace Schmid.

God to completely heal Sister Minnie Morris' body.—Dora Driggers, Lake City, S. C.

My mother to be healed of heart trouble and nervousness.—Velma Daniel, McCrory, Ark.

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Editorials . . .

HELPERS AT THE ALTAR

Too often, I fear, in our church work we attach so little importance to the very essential place efficient helpers at the altar fill, when actually there is very little, if indeed any, work done in the church that is of more real value in its respective relation than that rendered by laymen with and for those who have responded to the invitation of pastor or evangelist.

1. Many times the message will fail to reap immediate results without faithful, efficient helpers at the altar.
2. The promptness of the helpers to attend those at the altar means much—for seekers to hear the minister coaxing members to assist them tends to dampen their interest and throws a coldness on the service.
3. It is very ill-mannered for members to sit around and gossip while a few are trying to help souls through to spiritual experiences.
4. Helpers should make their work count by devoting their efforts to individuals instead of huddling in a group and praying in general.
5. If possible, know the person by name, and address yourself to him quietly; and if you don't know for what he is seeking, ask, then you will know how to pray for and with him.
6. Many times some good, sound reasoning with a person is necessary. As a layman and minister I have found all sorts of problems confronting people at the altar—love, domestic, habits, lack of will power, and even those who were tormented with the thought that they had sinned against the Holy Ghost. People in such a frame of mind can get nowhere, so it is the helper's duty to show them, by reasoning, the way out of those things and get them to praying for exactly what they need.
7. The helper must not only consider who the seeker is, his need and trouble, but also the matter of age and conditions of life are to be considered.
8. Helpers at the altar should familiarize themselves with scripture that is especially adaptable for instructing, inspiring, and encouraging seekers.
9. Then, too, there are times that an appropriate song sung softly to the seeker will do wonders.
10. There is such a thing as the wrong person trying to help an individual. All altar workers should be consecrated Christians, whose lives are above reproach. But it still remains a fact at times one person will do more harm than good, while another person could help a lot. After all, none of us appeal to everybody.
11. Helpers should never force profession of any experience, yet it certainly is his privilege and duty to encourage the seeker to lay hold upon the promises of God for the supply of his need.
12. Altar services should be free but orderly, and strictly spiritual.

THE MINISTRY OF LITTLE THINGS

The woman lay and looked with somber eyes about her. It was "Visitors' Hour" in the hospital, and every patient in the ward except herself had a visitor. She closed her sad eyes bitterly. There was no one in this great town to come to see her; even in her own little Western village,

what did they remember of her who had been away so long? She had been down to the gates of death. The doctors and nurses, with their bright, professional kindness, were always congratulating her on her wonderful recovery; but at times she thought it would have been better to pass through those grim gates than to come back to a world of utter loneliness. Suddenly a gentle hand touched her shoulder, and a soft voice spoke:

"I have brought you some flowers," the voice said, "from a friend of yours."

The woman's eyes flew open in surprise. "I have no friend who would send me flowers," she said.

"Nevertheless, your friend has sent you these," the stranger answered with a smile. "He thought that you would like forget-me-nots best," she added, holding out the exquisite blue flowers. "You are tired now, so I will not stay, but I shall see you again. This card will tell you who sent the flowers," and with another smile the stranger was gone.

Eagerly the woman read the card: "A great poet says that flowers are messengers to us from God. 'From our great lover,' the poet says, 'the flower comes with a message from the other shore, and whispers in our ears, 'I am come.' He has sent me. He has not forgotten thee, and will rescue thee even now. He will draw thee unto Him and make thee His own.'"

The woman looked at the flowers, forget-me-nots! Had she indeed forgotten that wonderful Friend through all these weeks of bitterness? Tears rushed to her eyes, and with them came the remembrance of Browning's words:

"All I could never be,
All men ignored in me,
This I was worth to God."

The next day the nurse said to her, "You look like a different person this morning; you seem so well and bright."

"Yes," the woman answered simply "a friend I had forgotten sent me some flowers yesterday, and His remembrance has made all the world seem different."

THE BIBLE—THERE IT STANDS

Century follows century—there it stands!
Empires rise and fall and are forgotten—there it stands!
Dynasty succeeds dynasty—there it stands!
Kings are crowned and uncrowned—there it stands!
Emperors decree its extermination—there it stands!
Despised and torn to pieces—there it stands!
Storms of hate swirl against it—there it stands!
Atheists rail against it—there it stands!
Agnostics smile cynically—there it stands!
Unbelief abandons it—there it stands!
Higher critics deny its claim to inspiration—there it stands!
Radicalism rants and raves about it—there it stands!
Fogs of sophistry conceal it temporarily—there it stands!
The tooth of time gnaws, but makes no dent in it—there it stands!
Infidels predict its abandonment—there it stands!
Free thinkers deride it—there it stands!
Devotees of folly denounce it—there it stands!
An anvil that has broken a thousand hammers—there it stands!
When childhood needs a standard of truth—there it stands!

Reports FROM THE FIELD

NORTH CAROLINA CONVENTION GREAT SUCCESS

We have just closed two of our district conventions for this year. Both conventions were a great success. We held them during the weekdays, but they were well attended. The large auditorium at Wilmington was filled, and the church at Fayetteville was overflowing. The district mission of-



Rev. E. W. Williams

fering for both districts was about \$1,200 cash. About the only thing the churches were behind in was the *Evangel*. We are launching a drive on the *Evangel* this month. Join in prayer with us that it will be a success.

I notice on the check-up sheet for the six months passed, compared with the same period of last year, that North Carolina takes first place in homes visited, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, baptized in water, added to the church, tithes, aged ministers, orphanage, and the grand total. We are working to eliminate all the numbers out of the rank column with the exception of number one. You will also notice that North Carolina has climbed from third place to first place in membership. Our net gain for the past six months in membership is 1,238. Compared with the twelve months of last year, we had

only a little over 1,200 increase in membership. God is graciously pouring out His Spirit and many of the churches are enjoying a great revival.

Our main effort is centered upon a three-point program: first, soul-saving; second, keeping the souls saved; third, looking for the coming of our Lord.

May I also say that we are now in a state-wide *Evangel* drive and hope to increase our subscriptions by the hundreds.—E. W. Williams, State Overseer.

ANNIVERSARY DAY AT WEST GORDON AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD, ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA

Sunday, February 5, was truly a great day as the church celebrated its second anniversary of Rev. Tommie Harper's pastorate. Two weeks prior to the above date, the pastor and some of the brothers worked faithfully in remodeling the church auditorium by putting up a new ceiling, installing fluorescent lights, painting the walls, etc., so everything would be in readiness when the doors swung open on this anniversary day.

The church has made great progress in the past two years, both spiritually and financially, and we humbly praise God for it, especially for the gain in membership. Sunday morning Rev. A. M. Phillips, Business Manager of the Publishing House, brought a wonderful message from Psa. 126:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Everyone enjoyed the message and the inspiring singing he and Sister Phillips and Joyce did. An offering of \$122 was received to apply on the building.

During the afternoon service the pastor and his wife were pleasantly surprised when, after many underserving compliments, they were each presented a check as a gift of appreciation from the church. Rev. Hoyt Odom, of Griffin, Ga., former pastor, brought the afternoon message from Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever." We also enjoyed the soul-inspiring testimonies of Rev. C. B. Godsey and wife, and Brother and Sister Ralph Anderson, of Memphis, Tenn., who

were with us for the day. The services closed with the saints praising God with uplifted hands.

At this writing we are in a revival with the pastor as the evangelist. God is blessing, and on the very first night a man was saved and others were in the altar seeking the Holy Ghost. Please pray for us at Ross-ville and come to see us when in this section of the State.—The Pastor.

ARKANSAS EVANGELISTIC SUCCESSES

	Sav.	Sanc.	H.G.	Ch.
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T. A. Swartwood	14	2	7	
Ernest B. Avery	14	4	3	
Tommy Lowery	10	3	3	
L. I. Ricketts	8	3	1	
E. P. Sloan	8			
Lavern Holt	7			
W. G. Wilkins	6	3	3	17
Grady Corley	6	1	1	
Eugene Garner	5		1	
Clois Sturch	3	1	1	
Milton Baser	2			
Floyd L. Ramsey	2	2		6
R. A. Garner	2	2	1	
James Wynes	2			
C. A. Waddell	1			
G. W. Tingle		1		
E. Long				1
Corbie Franks	1	1		
Edward Oldman		1	1	
J. D. Walter	1	1		
Fred Ellis	1			
J. L. Ball	1		1	
Floyd Holt	1			
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—L. L. Hughes, State Overseer.

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—Mrs. M. P. Cross, State President.

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THE MIDNIGHT CRY

By Rev. J. O. Campbell
Ware Shoals, S. C.

"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," Matt. 25:6.

Once I was awakened just before the clock struck twelve. While lying there meditating, I counted the times the old clock was striking—one, two three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve. Somehow every stroke seemed so solemn that night. Then immediately the text I have chosen came to my mind.

No doubt, to the most of my readers the twelve o'clock hour is the last hour of the day. In other words, one minute after twelve is a new day to you. So then, in a sense, it means to us a change from one period to another. Surely as we read our Bibles and compare current events, we are made to believe the clock of time is near the midnight hour. How wonderful it will be to those who are prepared to meet the Bridegroom; yet how tragic it will be for the lost. If you take this scripture to be a pre-tribulation scene, then the ones who are not ready for the rapture will at least go through part of the tribulation. The oil in the vessels could represent divine love, and woe be to us if we don't have more than enough to last until the midnight hour.

Then, to the oldest person who may read these lines, I wonder if your grandfather ever related to you a time as dark as this present day. I am sure you will answer in the negative. Midnight is the darkest part of the night. Can we say for sure that Old Glory and the statue of Liberty will mean as much to us next year as it does this year? Men's hearts are failing them for fear, just as Christ said they would do.

Usually, a thief begins his work about twelve o'clock. Can you name the many thieves who are trying to steal our liberties at this time? I hear you say it would be daresome to do so. What about the ones who enter not in at the door? Did not Christ say they were thieves and robbers? How many sects and creeds do we have these days that teach contrary to the general testimony of the Scriptures? Why, I actually read a tract the other day that adhered to the idea a person was safer outside the church, since he was already in the body of Christ, and if he joined the church he joined out of the

Sermonettes

body and was a part of modern Babylon. How absurd!

The world is thinking of everything else besides the second coming of Jesus. They say it is an old foggy idea to believe in the rapture of the Church, and millions of professed believers are saying, "My Lord delayeth His coming," while others scoff the idea, saying, "All things remain as they were." But mind you, He said He was com-

ONE-MINUTE SERMON

By Manuel F. Campbell, Pastor,
Somerset, Ky.

REMOVING STAINS

1 John 1:7

The know-how to remove stains can be very valuable at times. It is stated that to remove paint spots from clothing, saturate with equal parts turpentine and spirits of ammonia. Then to remove vegetable stains from the hands, rub the hands with a slice of raw potato. But, my friends, to remove the stains and guilt from a sinful heart it will require nothing short of the blood of the Son of God. Do make this application by faith today.

ing in an hour when ye think not. He may come at midnight, or at the cock crowing; but regardless of the time of day, let us watch and be sober.

This midnight cry, my friend, will be a cry of terror to the lost. It will be a cry of disappointment to the professed believers. It will be a cry that means all who are outside of Christ will be lost and doomed for eternal torment, regardless of class or creed. To the righteous it will be a cry of release from this tabernacle of clay to a body of immortality. "All the earth is groaning, crying for that day of sweet release," says the poet. It will mean a reward of everlasting life and eternal joys. My dear friend, what will this midnight cry mean to you?

HEAR GOD'S VOICE

Hebrews 3:7, 8, "Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness."

Our precious Bible says, "Today is the day of salvation." My friends, this is the day to seek God, not tomorrow. People are seeking for the world instead of seeking for God. God is not hard to find, he is always ready to save whosoever shall call upon Him. Isaiah said, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

Friends, God said come now, today! Paul said to awake out of sleep. It is time something was being done for lost people. People are seeking for the world today. They have their minds on their farms, fine homes, cows, and other things; but it is time to get your mind on God. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Bless God forever! I'm glad you can look to God for help. This world will not pay off; when we stand before God, it will take the precious blood of Jesus to make you stand then. Mark said, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

What are you going to do about your soul? Today is the day, not tomorrow, not next week, not when you get more time. You may die before you get more time. Take that great man Felix, in Acts 24:25, when Paul was reasoning of righteousness and temperance and judgment. What did he say? What did he do? He began to tremble, and said, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." He was looking for a more convenient time to seek God, but there is no record when he came to God. What are you going to do? Are you going to seek God? or will you continue turning Him away? Think it over, friends. "Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."—Rev. Tom Hickman.

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NEW RELIGIOUS SECT IN INDIA

All of us in Asia are watching with a great deal of interest the developments in Indo-China. The transfer of sovereignty from French to Bao Dai and the Viet-Nam government will tend to bolster the country against the communistic Viet-Minh government, it is hoped. For if Indo-China comes under the domination of communism, Malay with its gangster uprising and Burma with its civil war would be easy prey. And the fate of Christians and of public worship under such a government is too well known to need to be repeated here. We are hoping that there can be peace in this land that has struggled so heroically for its freedom, and that the Christian church may have opportunity to grow.

On the religious side of the picture, we read that the new sect, Caodaism, has enrolled 2,000,000 followers in this predominantly Buddhist land. Here is the most recent report on it, written by G. Ward Price and reported in the *Madras Mail*, February 16, 1950:

"Strangest of all the sects is the new Indo-Chinese religion of Caodaism, which, though founded less than 25 years ago, has enrolled 2,000,000 in-

habitants of Cochín-China, now known as South Viet-Nam.

"Official recognition was given to this cult in the first state visit to the 'cathedral' and 'Holy See' of the Caodaists at Tayninh, about 50 miles from Saigon, of the French high commissioner of Viet-Nam, M. L. Pignon.

"It was a reconciliation as well as a recognition, for, until about two years ago, the French authorities in Indo-China considered Caodaism as a potentially dangerous element in the political life of the country, and exiled its 'Pope' to Madagascar from 1942 to 1948, for Caodaism is a sort of theocratic state within the State; in addition to its religious side, it has its own army and its own civic administration.

"Under the terms of settlement with the French, this church militant is allowed to retain those functions on condition it gives support to the new Viet-Nam administration in its struggle with Communist revolutionaries led by Ho Chi-minh.

"If Hollywood had been set the task of designing a new religion, it would probably have produced something very like the cathedral which the adherents of Caodaism have built at Tayninh with their own hands, and

without wages.

"It is a highly colored, fantastically decorated building, in concrete. The lofty, well-lighted nave has rows of pillars round which writhe red and green dragons, and whereas the altars resemble those of Christian churches, the seven-headed serpent throne of the 'Pope' is entirely barbaric in design.

"Wherever one looks, there are surprises. On the wall above the high altar appear the figures of Buddha, Confucius, Lao-tse, and Christ, for Caodaism claims to be a synthesis of all existing religions, revering their leaders as prophets and envoys of the Supreme Being, whose presence is symbolized on the walls of the buildings and the vestments of the priests by an open human eye within a triangle.

"Victor Hugo, who is one of the departed spirits honored by the Caodaists, is depicted on the walls of the temple in the full dress and cocked hat of the French Academy.

"The organization of this church is like that of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, with a 'pope,' five 'cardinals,' archbishops, priests, and deacons. Women are admitted to the priesthood on the same terms as men. All are vegetarians and take vows of poverty, chastity, and fidelity.

"The members of this new cult believe they are inspired by spirits, with whom they communicate through trained mediums. They have designed an instrument for automatic writing, called 'the basket with a beak,' to facilitate communications with the spirit world.

"It was as a result of table-turning practised by a group of young Indo-Chinese businessmen in Saigon that the Caodaist church came to be founded, at the behest, they claim, of the Supreme Being, which is what Cao-Dai means.

"Do the spirit communications by which your church is guided ever deal with the future of humanity?' I asked one of the bishops at Tayninh.

"They do,' he said.

"And what do they foretell?"

"Twenty years of disorder and then universal peace,' was the answer."

The intensified activities of anti-Christian religionists should drive us to our knees, that God may send to Asia a revival that will bless and purify His church and make it ready for the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revivals . . .

FORT MILL CHURCH HAS GREAT REVIVAL

We praise God for a wonderful revival here at Ft. Mill, S. C., with L. C. Heaston as the evangelist. There were 136 saved, 75 sanctified, 51 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 97 baptized in water, and 36 added to the church. This was a great revival in both soul and body healing. The deaf and dumb were made to hear and talk; the blind were made to see; and ruptures were healed. An ambulance went to a house for a lady while prayer was being offered for her. She was healed, so the ambulance service was paid for and it returned. There were as many as 153 a week fasting for the revival. Brother Heaston is buying a tent which will seat approximately 3,000 people, and he will travel with the Ambassadors Quartet.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—I should like to give a final report of the revival just closed here. It was the best revival the church has ever had in its history. Evangelist Bessie Puckett did the preaching, and from the first night and throughout the entire meeting the presence of God was manifested in a wonderful way. It not only blessed our own people, but reached out to many other churches of different faiths. Great crowds attended and many had to be seated in the aisles. It certainly was a spiritual feast long to be remembered by all who were privileged to attend. There were three weeks of a glorious outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The final results were 30 saved, 24 sanctified, 43 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 12 added to the church. Sister Puckett is a former pastor and knows the need of the pastors she works with, and she understands the many problems that they have to confront them. She will be a great help to anyone desiring her services.—C. J. Hester, Pastor.

NORWOODVILLE, Iowa.—The Norwoodville Church had an old-time revival, they say the best that has been in this state for the Church of God. Mrs. K. B. Willhour was the evangelist. The revival ran for 3 weeks. Fourteen were saved, 5 sanctified, and 10 filled

with the Holy Ghost, for which we praise the Lord. The church was blessed in a wonderful way. Mrs. K. B. Willhour is one of our best evangelists in Iowa. She will bless any church.—Pastor, John I. Hayes.

MALLORY, W. Va.—A 2 weeks' revival was recently held at the Mallory Church of God, and the Spirit of God was with us every night. The beautiful singing and the preaching were soul-stirring, and souls were born again. Our pastor and several other preachers held the first week of the meeting, which was enjoyed. Our state overseer was with us one night and preached a wonderful message to the young people. We were happy to have Brother Walker, also. In the second week of the meeting Rev. Charles Rosson, of Flint, Mich., was the evangelist. Each message he delivered was soul-stirring and the songs he sang were enjoyed by all. There were 8 saved, 1 sanctified, and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Rosson is young in his ministry but he can accomplish much for our Saviour Jesus Christ. I'm sure Brother Walker is happy to have him as an evangelist in the State of West Virginia. Pray that we may keep in the work for Jesus.—Y.P.E. President, Miss Ruth Paynter, Box 3, Darwin, W. Va.

WINDBER, Pa.—Surely my heart is made to rejoice when I think of the way the Lord came down and gave us an old-time Pentecostal revival at Windber. We had as our speaker our youth director, Sister Lourenna Moreland, and she surely did make many friends while in our town, and we shall always welcome her back any time she can come. She preached with all sincerity, and her messages were forceful because of prayer. Many folks from other churches came each night, and we feel it won't be long until many of them will make the Church of God their home. Twenty-one were saved, 5 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. When we took members in on the closing night, 7 men presented themselves for membership with us, and 2 young ladies were touched deeply and joined after the altar service. Others too, we feel,

will unite with us a little later as the outcome of this glorious revival.

We came here several months ago, and we have services in a lovely stone basement which is so constructed that the main auditorium can be finished very easily. We expect to have the landscaping done this spring, and we feel it will be a Church of God to be proud of in Pennsylvania. Pray for us.—Joseph Johns, Pastor.

REPORTS BY LONG DISTANCE

Pastor Gilbert Carter, at Rocky Mount, N. C., called to report that the evangelistic campaign conducted by Evangelist A. V. Childers has resulted in 120 being saved, 100 sanctified, 96 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 54 additions to the church.

Brother Kenneth Harrawood, pastor at Harrisburg, Ill., called to report the following wonderful success in the 5 weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist Dalton Short. There were 26 saved, 19 sanctified, 17 filled with the Holy Ghost, 15 added to the church, and a number of marvelous healings. In the Sunday School service Sunday, the 12th, 2 were saved and 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are starting another revival which is being conducted by the pastor.

Brother George L. Britt, pastor at Belton, S. C., called to report the wonderful success realized in their 8 weeks' revival, the first part of which was conducted by Rev. O. N. Swearingin, the latter part by Rev. Tom Brooks. There have been 75 saved, 43 sanctified, 45 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and approximately 45 added to the church. The Sunday School attendance Sunday, the 12th, was 431.

HURLBUT'S BIBLE ATLAS

This is one of the most widely used books of its type in print today. It is of exceptional value, for its maps are easily read and understood. It is the accepted Bible atlas textbook in a number of Bible schools and colleges. It represents the work of a man who was entirely devoted to the Word of God, Jesse Lyman Hurlbut. It was especially prepared for the use of teachers and students. In addition to its maps, there are numerous charts, photographs, and colored diagrams. This is a distinctive volume you will be happy to use, and may be purchased for \$4.50.

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Cleveland, Tennessee

National Y. P. E. Drive

4 Great Objectives

SPIRITUALITY

Reach and win souls for Christ; lead them to a deeper experience with Him; encourage church membership.

ATTENDANCE

Increase regular Y. P. E. attendance and maintain this attendance after the drive closes.

PUBLICATIONS

Increase regular circulation of The LIGHTED PATHWAY and The EVANGEL.

OFFERINGS

Plan a worth-while financial project to assist in the program of the church.

WHAT OUR LEADERS SAY ABOUT IT

The National Y. P. E. Drive is good advertising for the Church, a boost for the youth, a spiritual uplift, a financial asset, and a strong possibility of many new converts, in that it is a missionary act. Let us cooperate.—H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.

I believe that the National Y. P. E. Drive will be one of the most successful efforts yet put forth for a general promotion of our young people's work. We will be looking for great reports. We hope for a 100 per cent cooperation of all Y.P.E.'s.—Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer.

In consideration of the great evangelistic spirit throughout the Nation, and because of the important part that our young people play in our churches, I could but bespeak great success in this effort to increase attendance in the Y. P. E. services.—A. V. Beaube, Overseer of Tennessee.

With the leadership of the Holy Ghost manifested in the recent revival at Lee College, with our superb youth organization and leadership, and with an unexcelled youth periodical, The LIGHTED PATHWAY, the youth program of the Church of God has every hope of success in this contest and in the years that lie ahead.—J. Stewart Brinsfield, President, Lee College.

I believe the contest which the Youth Department is sponsoring will arouse great interest in the Sunday School and Youth departments of the Church. All the work accomplished in local churches by the youth will demonstrate their ability as a working factor in the Church. Each cooperating church will be doing a good work, even though all cannot win the prizes. Blessings on you in your endeavor!—R. R. Walker, General Secretary.

It is my firm belief, supported both by the success of the past and the type leadership then and now of our youth and the whole-hearted cooperation they always receive by both young and old, that this National

Youth Drive toward its numerous and worthy goals will, indeed, be a national success.—J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief.

If the projected National Y. P. E. Contest attains success comparable to that of the recent National Sunday School Contest, it will be one of the greatest events in the progressive history of the Church of God Young People's Endeavor. We anticipate for this contest unprecedented achievements both on the parts of its sponsors and the local Y. P. E. groups. The LIGHTED PATHWAY congratulates the National Youth Board on its farsighted and envisioned efforts.—

Charles W. Conn, Editor, The LIGHTED PATHWAY.

I am enthusiastic about the National Y.P.E. Contest that is now available to every church which desires to take advantage of this offer. Knowing the results that were obtained in the Sunday School Drive, I expect every pastor and church to begin at the earliest date possible and work with ever-increasing interest to win in this contest. I believe it will attract more attention and increase interest in the Youth Department more than any other drive.—A. M. Phillips, Business Manager.

ENTRY BLANK *** MAIL IT TODAY

(TO YOUTH DEPARTMENT, Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee)

Fill in your exact Y.P.E. attendance and offering at the time of regular services during the weeks listed below. All Y.P.E.'s organized since dates listed will please give attendance figures for the first five weeks after organization.

April 10-16, 1949	Attendance _____ Offering _____	April 24-30, 1949	Attendance _____ Offering _____
April 17-23, 1949	Attendance _____ Offering _____	May 1-7, 1949	Attendance _____ Offering _____
	May 8-14, 1949		Attendance _____ Offering _____
Y.P.E. at _____ (City) _____ (State)			
Signature _____			
Address _____ (No.) _____ (Street)			
		(City) _____ (State)	

Check (x) whether pastor () or Y.P.E. president () is sending in this entry blank.

DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER—FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY BLANK AND MAIL TODAY!

Your Y. P. E. Can Win

Valuable and Useful Gifts

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

SMALL GROUP C

Y. P. E.'s with attendance of
99 or less

MEDIUM GROUP B

Y. P. E.'s with attendance of
100 to 199

LARGE GROUP A

Y. P. E.'s with attendance of
200 or more

\$1,000 in Prizes

10 PRIZES IN EACH GROUP—30 PRIZES IN ALL

FIRST PRIZE—Your choice of: Wire recorder with attached phonograph and sufficient wire for eight hours of recording. Approximate value, \$175. — SVE Tri-purpose Projector for slides and filmstrips, with a quantity of slides and filmstrips. Value, \$175. — \$120 church library, set of Matthew Henry Commentary, and a one-year membership to Pathway Book Club, with a guarantee of books amounting to \$32.50. Value, \$175.

SECOND PRIZE—Your choice of: \$50 in Helen Maxfield or Scripture Press Daily Vacation Bible School supplies. — Portable phonograph and religious records for use in children's services. Approximate value, \$50. — \$50 in books for your church library. — Speed-O-Print Duplicating Machine. Value, \$50.50.

THIRD PRIZE—Your choice of: Set of International Commentary. Value, \$30. — Visual aid supplies listed in the Church of God Publishing House catalogue, in the amount of \$30. — Sand table supplies: large steel sand table, 100 pounds of white silica sand, the book entitled "Sand Table Illustration," and stand-up cut-outs for use with the sand table. Value, \$30.

FOURTH PRIZE—Your choice of: One-year subscription to Pathway Book Club, \$25 in books guaranteed. — Set of Matthew Henry Commentary. Value, \$22.50. — \$25 in selected books for various departments of the church work. — Pulpit lamp. Value, \$22.85. — Flannelgraph supplies: flannelboard, easel, 4 scenery backgrounds, 6 sudegraph stories. Value, \$25.

FIFTH PRIZE—Your choice of: Small file cabinet. Value, \$15. — Adult globe map on small stand. Value, \$14.75. — Selected group of books for use with juniors. Value, \$15. — Set of 6 flannelgraph scenery backgrounds. Value, \$15.

SIXTH PRIZE—Your choice of: Round electric clock. Value, \$13.95. — Blackboard supplies: board, books on chalk talks, chalk, eras r, findinx easel. Value, approximately \$14. — Group of books on program helps. Value, \$14.

SEVENTH PRIZE—Your choice of: Communion service. Value, \$11.90. — Cokesbury maps with stand. Value, \$10.95. — Visual aid supplies: flash cards, sudegraph stories, scenery backgrounds, object lesson books, etc. Value, \$12. — Subscription for a roll of THE LIGHTED PATHWAY each month for one year. Value, \$12.

EIGHTH PRIZE—Your choice of: Square electric clock. Value, \$9.95. — Group of books of Christian biography. Approximate value, \$10. — Roll of 20 Youth and Sunday School WORKERS' BULLETINS for one year, or roll of 10 for two years. Value, \$10. — Y. P. E. register and package of 64 nursery pictures. Value, \$10.

NINTH PRIZE—Your choice of: Group of books for youth: their problems, work, friendships, Christian service, etc. Value, \$9. — Children's world globe on stand and 4 flash stories. Value, \$8.75. — Group of

books on program helps. Approximate value, \$9. — Blackboard supplies. Value, \$9. — 30 "Living Jewels" song books. Value, \$8.75. — 2,000 youth tithe envelopes. Value, \$9.

TENTH PRIZE—Your choice of: Group of books on the Sunday School. Value, \$8.25. — Assortment of object lesson books, quiz books, and chorus books. Value, \$8. — Flannelboard and easel. Value, \$7.50. — One dozen Church of God Hymnals (cloth bound). Value, \$8.00. — Phonograph recordings of Bible stories for use in children's work. Value, \$8.

RULES FOR NATIONAL Y.P.E. DRIVE

1. The drive covers five weeks, beginning April 9, and ending May 13, 1950.

2. Young People's Endeavors will be classified in three groups according to their average attendance in Y.P.E. services during the period of April 10 through May 14, 1949. Those Y. P. E.'s organized since that date may enter, giving attendance figures for the first five weeks after organization.

GROUP 1 will include Y.P.E.'s whose average attendance was 200 or more. GROUP 2 will include Y.P.E.'s whose average attendance was from 100 to 199. GROUP 3 will include Y.P.E.'s whose attendance was 99 and less.

3. Ten prizes will be awarded in each of the three groups—thirty prizes in all. These prizes will have a total cash value of \$1,000.

4. Those entering the National Y.P.E. Drive will be judged on the following basis:

* 30 per cent of total points will be based on the largest number of young people (age thirty-five and under) saved, sanctified, baptized in the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church of God. These points will be distributed in the following manner:

Saved 2 points
Sanctified 3 points
Baptized with the Holy Ghost 10 points
Added to the church 15 points

* 15 per cent of total points will be based on the percentage of increase in attendance for the five-week period April 9 through May 13, 1950, over the five-week period April 10 through May 14, 1949. Only one service for each week may be counted for attendance.

* 15 per cent of total points will be based on the largest total distribution of LIGHTED PATHWAYS and EVANGELS at the close on the drive May 13, 1950. Rolls of

LIGHTED PATHWAYS may be counted, provided that the Y.P.E. promises to endeavor to maintain distribution of them for a period of one year. Rolls of EVANGELS may count provided they are paid for one year in advance.

* 15 per cent of total points will be based on the percentage of increase in offerings for the five-week period April 9 through May 13, 1950, over the five-week period April 10 through May 14, 1949. Only offerings raised or turned in on regular Y.P.E. nights may be counted.

* 25 per cent of total points will be based on effort and organization exhibited before and during the drive. This may be given in a written statement of not more than 500 words, and must be signed by the pastor or Y.P.E. president. The statement should enumerate, in the following manner, the ways in which your Y.P.E. organized and promoted its campaign (literary excellence will not be considered in judging the score):

1. Explain and give the number of workers' meetings held to plan and organize your campaign.
2. What advertising was done by way of posters and announcements?
3. Describe plans and efforts made toward soul winning.
4. Describe efforts made for promotion of publications, and give your methods of distribution.
5. Describe ways used for raising offerings.
6. Explain the outstanding difficulties encountered and overcome.
7. The drive closes May 13, 1950. All reports of the drive must be postmarked before midnight May 31, 1950.
8. The decision of the judges will be final, and in case of a tie, duplicate awards will be made.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN WIN

FIRST—Read these simple rules until you understand them thoroughly. **SECOND**—Mail your entry blank today. **THIRD**—Begin organizing and boosting your Y. P. E. attendance today.

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Busily at work is the kitchen staff carving the traditional turkey for Thanksgiving. I might also say that is PUMPKIN pie.



POST OFFICE



Twice daily this grand rush is on. No need to point out those having all the luck—their expressions give them away.

Gluttony

By D. H. DELK



D. H. DELK, Pastor,
Bessemer City, N. C.

Gluttony is the habit of eating to an excess; surfeiting. Luke 21:34, Syriac, "Take heed to yourselves, that your hearts be, at no time, stupefied by gluttony . . . for, like a hunter's snare, it (Christ's second coming) spring upon all them that dwell upon the face of the whole land." "A good take heed will give good speed."

I've wondered lately, as I ride along the highways, how so many eating places make a living. Almost everywhere you go there are cafes, cafeterias, restaurants, grills, etc., and in many places you have to wait to be served. Saadi says, "He that is a slave to his belly seldom worships God." Surely it is like it was in the days of Noah. They were eating and drinking to excess, so much that they were caught unaware by the flood.

A glutton is never generous. Prov. 23:2, "Put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite." The word *given* here means that if eating is your weakness, or hobby, then put a knife to your throat. That is, cut off some appetite instead of so much ham, steak, cake, etc. "Fat back paid for is better than turkey on a credit." A good appetite is a very good thing, but if you don't punish it, it will punish you and become a bad one. If you are not careful, your pet lamb will become a black sheep.

A big appetite will bring dissatisfaction, disappointment, etc. "All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled," Eccl. 6:7. You can't compromise with a wicked appetite any more than you can the devil. The more you humor it, the worse it will get. "A full belly neither fights nor flies well" (Span Proverb). A bad appetite will bring a drouth to your soul. In Num. 11:4-6, we read, "And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? Remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: but now our soul is dried away . . ." Well, no wonder their souls were dry. When folks study eating all

the time, their souls are bound to dry up. The children of Israel were rebellious. Psalm 68:6, "...the rebellious (to temperance) dwell in a dry land." It's better to eat to live than live to eat.

Did Paul weep because some people made their belly their God? See Phil. 3:19. A big appetite will cause spiritual poverty—make you a pauper. Prov. 23:21, "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." Laziness and drowsiness always follow gluttony. When folks go to church overstuffed, they usually yawn, feel lazy, and sluggish, indifferent and unconcerned; and if Gabriel could descend and preach, it would run off them like water poured on a duck's back.

I heard of a colored fellow going to the doctor and saying, "Sir, my wife ate nearly a whole turkey Christmas, a mince pie, and two pounds of candy, and her nervous system hasn't been right since." Well, I wonder if this "burden for lost souls" that keeps some people (and some preachers) awake at night is not the after-service feast, strong coffee, ice cream, and cold drinks. Rom. 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom (or what) ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" The kingdom of God is not (bowing to) meat and drink, but (seeking) righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The Church of God teaches against doting ourselves, and when we overeat we put a hypodermic in our souls and stupify them till they are paralyzed. We make our ourselves helpless against the wiles of Satan. In the last days perilous times shall come, and one of the greatest perils is "our pleasure in eating." "He (the anti-Christ) shall destroy wonderfully." See Dan. 8:24. Here is some scripture I think should be posted in the White House, Senate chambers, Congress halls, colleges, schools, every church, and on the highways everywhere in blazing red letters: Eccl. 10:16, 17,

"Woe to thee, O land, when thy king (leader) is a child (in actions), and thy princes eat in the morning! Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!" Now, listen folks, don't say too many hard things about Esau when *you* can't fast.

Last but not least, "A big appetite will blind us to the right vision." In John, the fourth chapter, as Christ told the poor woman about living water, the disciples had gone away to get some meat. When they returned they said to the Lord, "Master, eat." But He said to them, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." And they wondered who had fed the Master. But Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." Then He said, "Lift up your eyes (from meat), and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." In another place He said, "The labourers are few." Now, a steak, a chicken, a banana pudding, etc., surely are bad cataracts. These things are hard to see through, over or around, and get a true vision of the poor lost souls that are tumbling into the abyss below. Where there is no vision the people perish. Many are steadfast and unmovable, unmovable from the table till they are overfull. In closing, read this carefully, "...it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats..."

Crucified

Charles Evans, of I.B.C.

We have heard much comment on the phrase "crucify the flesh" daily, so I decided to study the subject more closely. We understand it to be the "mortifying of the flesh," as spoken of in Rom. 8:13 and Col. 3:5. Those who teach this doctrine claim that we are to continually fight against, or war with, the flesh; hold it down; keep it under; crucify it. This, of course, is the suppression theory. This may sound reasonable to the average man, and if it were not for some solid truths from God's Word, more would consider teaching it. After all, we are told in the Word that "the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other," Gal. 5:17.

But passing on from this we are reminded by these teachers that since we are in the flesh we shall have to contend with it all our days. For, say they, did not Paul find in his body two laws? When he would do good evil was present with him? (Rom. 7:21) Yes, that is what Paul said, but that isn't all that Paul said about this important matter. He was talking about the same thing in the 6th and 8th chapters as well, and shows that a great change has taken place.

According to the Word of God, Paul never taught that the flesh carnality, was to be crucified day by day. Paul said, "Knowing this, that our old man IS crucified with him, that the body of sin BE DESTROYED, that henceforth we should not *serve sin*. For he that is dead IS FREED from sin," Rom. 6:6,7. "Being then MADE FREE from sin, ye BECAME the servants of righteousness," Rom. 6:18. He further states, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus HATH made me free from the law of sin and death," Rom. 8:2. So, if you, as a Christian, are living in the carnal flesh, you are a babe and at enmity with God. And if you are endeavoring to control the flesh-life by suppression, you are doing what men the world over are endeavoring to do, and you can obtain only the same results. All the religions in the world attempt to do this by one means or another, and you are only following in their footsteps. The Indian 'holy man' sits day after day on his bed of spikes, or walks

miles with nails in his sandals so that he might subject himself and obtain a better reward at the end of the way. The Mohammedan bows two or three times a day toward Mecca, and makes his periodical pilgrimages to the 'holy city,' to obtain favor with God! The Chinese worship their ancestors to obtain their favor in the world to come, and the medicine man of Africa cuts himself and goes through his dances that he might obtain favor with his gods! These men are all 'crucifying the flesh', to the end that they might obtain a better reward.

The Christian that endeavors by any means to 'crucify the flesh' is also endeavoring by works to obtain favor with God. But, my brother, it is all of grace, or it is nothing! Works are not the high road that leads to glory. If it were so, then we should have something to boast in. Thank God, it is all of grace, and He alone is worthy of all praise and glory for providing glorious liberty for every believer.

To mortify means to kill; to crucify. Now I want to ask a question. How many times can you kill a body? Can you keep on killing it in a slow and gradual process? Did Jesus Christ die on Calvary's hill more than once? Is He still being crucified? I thank God that it is recorded in the sacred Word, in Rom. 6:10, "For in that he died, he died unto sin ONCE." Then Paul goes on in verse 11 to exhort us as follows, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Then, as if that were not enough, he goes on, "Let not therefore sin reign in our mortal body." Brother and sister, this sin does not have to reign; get it out of you. "The blood of Jesus Christ, who died for sin, cleanseth from ALL sin." Why will ye yield yourselves again as instruments of unrighteousness? Yield yourself unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, for "sin shall not have dominion over you."

Paul said, "I AM crucified with Christ"; and again, "They that are Christ's HAVE crucified the flesh," Gal. 5:24. This execution is never done by anyone but a Christian. The

reason we have seditions, heresies, envyings, variances, etc., in the visible church today is because people are living in the flesh, for these things are the fruits of the flesh. God warns us to mark the men and women that cause division and trouble. God's Word instructs us to shun them and have nothing to do with them, for they will only cause us trouble. They will snare us into their errors, and lead us astray until we are lost. Brother, let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse you from all sin. A confession of sins brings forgiveness, and the believer's surrender brings cleansing from ALL unrighteousness.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. . . For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty . . . Walk in the Spirit (yield to God), and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." "I AM crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Crucified? Yes, with Christ! Raised from the dead? Yes, to live in newness of life in Christ. Expecting Him? Yes, for if we walk in the Spirit, we shall be Christ's; heirs, heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ . . . that we may be also glorified with Him in His kingdom.

Crucify the flesh? There is only one place of crucifixion, and that is with Christ Jesus at Calvary. When you get the work done there, it will be done right.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

The Roaring Lion

By E. P. Musick, Pastor Clarksburg, W. Va.

Text: 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

In this short message we should like to take note of some of the tactics of the devil. Dr. Livingston tells us of an African native who was struck down and torn by a lion, and that periodically the dreadful pain returned to the old wound as if again the monster gnawed at the bone. So was it, I think, with the apostle Peter. The old lion had struck him down and fixed his teeth in him, and though he was snatched from the jaws of the destroyer by the Lord Jesus Christ, the mighty Conqueror of this archenemy, yet the scar throbbed with vivid reminder of the peril, and brought again before him the memory of his great deliverance. Therefore, let us turn again and look upon this manslayer.

Here Is a Very Real Enemy

He is an old doctor, well versed in arts and crafts, but his master stroke has been reserved for these last days. I once read a fable of a fox who caught his prey by pretending to be dead. This shrewd deceiver has agents out today pretending that the devil is bound and powerless, and this is one of his devices. Therefore, we are warned to be sober, vigilant (alert, watchful, on guard).

This old adversary is just as real today as he was when he deceived our foreparents in the garden; just as real as he was in Job 1:6, 7, when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them; just as real as when he put it in the heart of Judas to betray his Lord. We dare not ignore him, neither underestimate his power; he tracks our steps and seeks us as his prey.

Zech. 3:1, "And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him."

He Is a Mighty Foe

In the glimpse of him we have through the Bible, he is revealed as one of amazing power and dominion; however, it is dangerous to overestimate him, though he is powerful. He

is not all-powerful; he can go no farther than God allows him. "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices," 2 Cor. 2:11. Think of his triumph way up in the mountain where there is a cave infested with a den of lions, the mouth and floor of it all strewn with the bones of their victims—skulls and ribs lying thickly scattered. Ah, but what a sight it is indeed to look into the den of the old lion, the devil, and see the mischief he has wrought. We think of what the apostle Paul said, Eph. 6:11, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

He Is a Subtle Foe

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light," 2 Cor. 11:14. He sometimes comes in sheep's clothing. Think of his knowledge of human nature. As an old Puritan said, "He taketh the measurement of every man's foot, and then he fitteth him instantly." Therefore, the text exhorts, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Here is a pleasant, genial fellow, good-hearted. The devil leads him on and tumbles him into the pit of self-indulgence, or takes him away by evil company. Here is another fellow who is thrifty and saving. The old devil elbows him on and on until he casts him into the pit of miserliness. The next fellow is generous, but the devil puffs him up with the sense of his importance. Note another man who is very humble, and the devil will push him down so far in the valley of humility that he begins to climb up the other side and is proud because he is so humble. Let's not forget the man who is modest and retiring. The devil keeps him lazy and useless by assuring him that he has no gifts, that there is nothing he can do. Oh, yes, there is the preacher whom God has called and blessed his ministry. The devil tells him that he is indispensable and that the church can't go without him. This, also, is a peril. He can do almost as much with our virtues as he can with vice, if we fail to be alert and watchful. For all condi-



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tions and circumstances he has his attack.

Lastly, This Old Lion Can Be Overcome

"Be sober, be vigilant." The first word suggests our peril from over-eagerness. People who go rushing into anything and everything are rushing into the lion's den and thrusting their heads into his mouth. There are some people for whom the old lion must hunt, but the overeager he can get by lying still. Be sober; take a right estimate of things; measure them by God and His Word; don't be too thirsty, is the meaning of the precept, for pleasure—too thirsty for money, too thirsty for honor, too thirsty for your own way in everything.

Hunters say there are certain places where you may trace the steps of the old lion and expect to find him waiting about. They are the drinking places where he can spring upon his prey in a moment. Be sober, and yet be vigilant. The too-anxious are in danger, as well as the careless. But that isn't all. We must go farther than that. For further information for our safety, let's read James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Just feel so little and weak in the sight of God that we have no confidence in self at all, and run for safety under the mighty hand of God, casting all our cares upon Him for He careth for us. Beneath that hand we need not fear. There is perfect safety from all harm. There we are within a fortress whose wall cannot be scaled or undermined. God's abiding presence alone is our safety. Amen.

TAKE HEED to the Ministry

By DERHL DORITY

"And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it," Col. 4:17.

Notice the words "take heed" as used by Paul in his admonition to Archippus. This man had received a call in the ministry of the Lord Jesus. Wonderful! The thought that Paul wanted to convey was not the thought of having been called alone, but the importance of completing this calling. Many thousands have received the call to preach the gospel, but many have made shipwrecks. Oh, the importance of work well done!

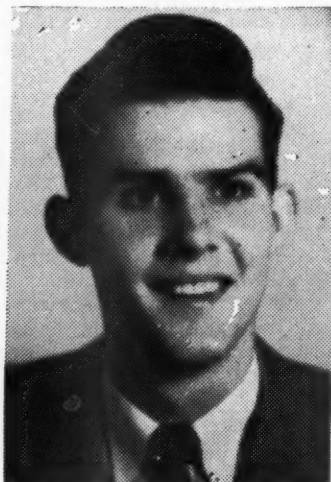
Acts 1:25 contains a message of warning, "That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." Here we have a ministry that was never fulfilled. Again, in 2 Tim. 4:10, Paul had the sad experience of a fellow minister who was unfaithful, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica. . . ." 1 Tim. 1:19, 20, "... which some having put away, concerning faith have made shipwreck: of whom is Hymeneus and Alexander: whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme."

It should be the supreme ambition of every God-called minister to be successful. The testimony of most every preacher has been, "I desire to be a good minister of Jesus Christ." Many would like to preach like Paul and have the zeal of Simon Peter, but these things do not come by wistful thinking and daydreaming.

To be a successful minister will require more effort than any other calling in the world. There are several things that should be seriously considered by every minister of the gospel.

1. *Take heed to the beginning of the ministry.* We, as Church of God ministers, are instructed as to the grave responsibility that is ours as we make application for license in the Church. It is at this point we have the opportunity to get a good start or a bad one. In the ministry, each step is very important as to our

future success. God called Elijah to proclaim His message, but before Elijah was to carry a message to the people, God had a message for him. Note the message: "And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth," 1 Kings 18:1. From that very day until his rapture, Elijah had a ministry blessed of God. He had a humble beginning. Elijah



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received God's Word just as given. Remember, the message was first to "hide yourself; then go shew thyself."

Moses spent forty years in the wilderness and came back prepared to lead Israel to Canaan. Jesus spent forty days and nights away from the world and came out of the wilderness with the Spirit mightily upon Him. Shortly after the conversion of Paul, we find that He spent three years hidden with God and came back with the message for the Church Age. So, we should be sure we have stayed hidden away with God long enough to be actually ready to begin ministerial work.

2. *Take heed to be a student of the Word.* 1 Tim. 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; con-

tinue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." In order to adequately defend the doctrines of the Church of God, our ministry must have a thorough knowledge of the Bible. One writer has said, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

God has blessed us with excellent progress, and will continue to do so as our ministry uncompromisingly attends the true doctrines. In Paul writing to Timothy, there are certain duties set forth for a good minister. One in particular was to preach the Word. There are three things under the sun that are unworthy, yea, four: a ship that flies no flag, a road that has no signs, a bottle of medicine that carries no label, and a preacher or Bible teacher who does not let the world know where he stands.

The story is told of a young minister who was appointed to a pastorate near a college. After a few days the young man came back to the appointing bishop and said, "Sir, I cannot remain as pastor of this church. Every time I go to preach a message on history, I find the history professor to be present." As he continued to enumerate the things he would not be able to preach because professors of those subjects were present, the wise old bishop said, "Son, you just preach the Word of God."

Take heed to the doctrine. "Doctrine" is the foundation of our preaching. If our doctrine is not correct, our preaching is not right.

3. *Take heed to prayer life.* A minister must learn that he cannot do the work that is before him without a considerable amount of prayer. Being able to contact God in prayer will solve problems that could not be taken care of otherwise. We are not fighting against flesh and blood—this is a spiritual warfare! Many battles must be won on our knees in prayer. Along with all the theology, a minister might know there must be much time spent in prayer. An illustration that so clearly portrays the thought in mind is this: "There was a company by the name of Head and Hart. This firm thrived a long time together. One morning we hear Mr. Head complaining that Mr. Hart has died, leaving him to carry the work on all by himself." We must not allow such a condition.

"Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of help-

lessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but earnestness of the soul."—H. More.

"Prayer crowns God with the honor and glory due His name, and God crowns prayer with assurance and comfort. The most praying souls are the most assured souls."—T. Brooks.

Judson said, "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God." We have been informed by the Lord to ask and we should receive. While kneeling in prayer, we can see ourselves really as God sees us. Prayer unceasingly—not for pulpit eloquence, but, yea, for greater endowment of power from God so as to serve Him acceptably.

4. *Take heed to resist carnal ambitions.* Every good preacher is well worth his hire. If anyone deserves pay for their many hours of toil and heartaches, it is the minister. This one thing, however, causes more ministers to make shipwreck. The reason Demas left Paul was that "he loved the world." According to proven facts, the ministry is one of the best prepared and learned groups in the world today, but also receives the least pay. Are we to become discouraged and quit the work because this is the case? Paul said, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." With such an attitude prevailing among the good ministry of the Church of God, our possibilities are far greater than we could realize. As Napoleon said to his soldiers on the eve of a great battle, "You are ill clad and poorly fed. You deserve much, yet your country has little to offer. The winter will be severe and battles hard, but when victory is won, the spoils will be great; the treasures yours." We cannot expect a livelihood from the Church without having contributed to its growth and success.

A minister once told me that if he had any other way in the world to make a living, other than preaching, he would do it. God keep us from such spirit. If a livelihood is the only reason for anyone preaching, he should look for another profession. The day in which we live is calling for men of courage who are willing to sacrifice for God's cause. The greatest problem that confronted Judas was his carnal ambitions. As God looks upon the heart of us ministers of the Church of God, what does He

see? "Crucified with Christ" is a good motto.

5. *Take heed to thyself; be thou an example of the believer.* Paul's challenge to his pastorate was, "Follow me as I follow Christ." Follow me! I realize the dangers of self-conceit, but it is very essential that our conduct as a minister will carry the challenge for the laity to serve Christ in the manner we serve Him.

"I love a serious preacher who speaks for my sake and not for his own; who seeks my salvation, and not his own vainglory. He best deserves to be heard who uses speech only to cloth his thoughts, and his thoughts only to promote truth and virtue. Nothing is more detestable than a professed declaimer who retails his discourses as a quack does his medicine."—Massillon.

Shakespeare said, "It is a good divine that follows his own instructions."

Finally, Paul exhorts, "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?" Rom. 2:21,22. Take heed to the ministry that thou fulfill it.

MEMPHIS

Word comes from the good pastor of the Memphis, Tennessee, church, C. E. Richards, that Sunday, March 5, which was set apart as a special day to raise money to pay for the re-seating of the church, was a gracious success. He stated they raised an offering of \$1,255.51 in cash, and that without great effort. You who have been in the Memphis church know that it is a very lovely auditorium, and now that it is equipped with modern individual seats throughout, it is indeed very beautiful. An accomplishment like this is a compliment to both the pastor and membership.

VISITORS FROM CANADA

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port of their visits to the churches in the Southland: Dayton, Ohio; Atlanta, Ga.; Riveria Beach, Fla.; Sarasota, Fla.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; North Cleveland, Tenn., church, and the Publishing House. From the Publishing House they went to the Lee College, from the Lee College to our Orphanage in Sevierville, Tenn.; and they were so kind as to send your Editor a note by the Superintendent of the Orphanage, Brother Dych, which stated that they had had a delightful visit there. The Lord's rich blessing be upon these good friends and members of the Church of God.

NEWS FROM WESTERN CANADA

Last month was membership month, and though the weather was bad and some of our churches could hardly have services, still several became members:

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Thank you, pastors, for your co-operation in this, and may every month be membership month in the future.

"A strong membership makes a strong church."—J. Andrew Rafferty, Overseer.

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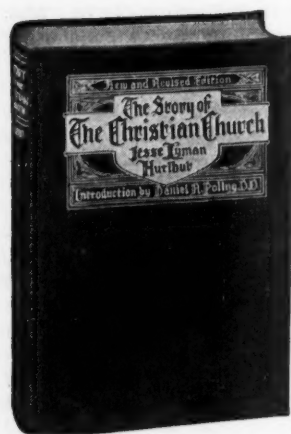
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